

How are we ever going to become a solidified nation after this election, no matter who wins, if the tv's we watch and the radio programs that we listen to become totally one sided in the reporting of the news. This is how Hitler took over Germany, how the communists kept control of the Russians and the Cubans....this is how Sadaam kept control over his countrymen. Whenever the press is used to show only one side of a situation and ignores others then we lose our freedom of speech and to vote as we choose. The reason we have been free for over 200 yrs is that this type of behavior from an owner of too many radio stations and tv broadcast channel is not held to a higher standard. Let the people of this country decide who they want in their government...stop with the hate ads, negative ads and people fixing the votes....Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.